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SUBJ: SEASONAL FARM LABOR PROGRAM

REF: PORT OF SPAIN 540

1. ACCORDING TO THE DIRECTOR OF MANPOWER SERVICES AT THE MINISTRY OF LABOR, THE BRITISH WEST INDIES LABOR ORGANIZATION IN WASHINGTON IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SEASONAL FARM LABOR PROGRAM. AMERICAN EMPLOYERS SUBMIT THEIR REQUIREMENTS TO THAT ORGANIZATION WHICH TRANSMITS THEM TO THE JAMAICAN MINISTRY OF LABOR. THE MINISTRY THEN SEEKS TO PROCURE THE DESIRED NUMBER OF WORKERS OF VARIOUS QUALIFICATIONS AND ARRANGES FOR THEM TO BE INTERVIEWED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VARIOUS AMERICAN EMPLOYERS. THE FINAL SELECTION AND HIRING IS DONE BY THE EMPLOYERS' REPS. MANY WORKERS ARE REPEATED AND ASKED FOR BY NAME BY EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE FOUND THEIR SERVICES SATISFACTORY IN THE PAST.

2. THERE ARE SOME 10,000 JAMAICAN SEASONAL AGRICULTURAL WORKERS PRESENTLY IN THE US. THE FIRST GROUPS USUALLY DEPART IN AUGUST, BUT THE BULK DOES NOT ARRIVE UNTIL NOVEMBER. THEY NORMALLY RETURN TO JAMAICA IN APRIL.

3. COMMENT: THE FOREGOING IS AN OUTLINE OF THE MECHANICS OF THE
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SYSTEM. THE EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT THERE IS CONSIDERABLE POLITICAL

INPUT INTO THE VARIOUS STAGES OF THE PROCESS WITH THE BULK OF THE
JOBS GOING TO SUPPORTERS OF THE PARTY IN POWER. THE MIN LAB
OFFICIAL REPORTED THAT THE PROGRAM WAS OPERATING SATISFACTORILY
FROM THE JAMAICAN POINT OF VIEW.
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